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State Park Facilities Affected by SoCal Fires Reservations at Some State Parks Are Canceled

California State Park facilities and campgrounds from Orange County to the Mexican border are assisting evacuated residents from the Southern California fires or they are closed because of the fire danger. As such, State Parks has immediately cancelled all reservations at a number of parks through October 31 and it has closed other parks. A listing of those parks can be found at the end of this release.

When the mandatory evacuation process began in Southern California, tens of thousands of people were forced from their homes. Large numbers of those individuals sought refuge at State Park campgrounds and other facilities.

In this time of crisis, they are being welcomed in and are being assisted by State Parks' personnel. In cancelling the reservations to accommodate the evacuees, State Parks is asking those who had reservations over the next 10 days to please understand the serious nature of the situation and accept the cancellation of their reservations on behalf of those in great need of assistance. ReserveAmerica is offering full refunds.

"By all accounts, the fires that are affecting Southern California are having a devastating impact," said State Parks' Director Ruth Coleman. "We at State Parks will work with the Governor's Office of Emergency Services and other agencies to assist in this time of crisis."

While State Parks is working to assist displaced persons, the Department encourages people to seek out the established emergency services and facilities that are designed to more thoroughly support their needs. To assist with that effort, State Parks will be working with emergency agencies at all levels to provide a listing of services and locations where people can be better served with food, clothing, shelter and other more permanent needs.

State Parks Assisting Evacuees:

Imperial County
Ocotillo Wells SVRA

Orange County
Doheny State Beach
San Clemente State Beach
San Onofre State Beach
at the San Mateo Campground

Riverside County Lake Perris

San Diego County
South Carlsbad State Beach
San Elijo State Beach
Silver Strand State Beach
Anza Borrego Desert State Park
at the Palm Canyon Campground

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The following list of state parks shows parks closed, as well as parks where reservations have been cancelled. Refunds are available. Except where otherwise indicated, cancellations will remain in effect through October 31.

Los Angeles County

Leo Carrillo State Park – Reservations canceled October 21-25.

Malibu Creek State Park – Reservations canceled October 21-25.

Pt. Mugu State Park – Reservations canceled October 21-25

Topanga State Park

Will Rogers State Historic Park

Orange County

Crystal Cove State Park – Cottages open. Reservations canceled at campsites.

Doheny State Beach – Reservations canceled

San Clemente State Beach - Reservations canceled

Riverside County

Lake Perris: Reservations honored, no new reservations taken. No boating. Oct.23-31

Mount San Jacinto State Park: Reservations canceled

San Timoteo Canyon

San Bernardino County

Chino Hills State Park

Silverwood Lake State Recreation Area – Reservations canceled October 22-30.

Wildwood Canyon

San Diego County

Cuyamaca Rancho State Park – Reservations canceled

Palomar Mountain State Park - Reservations canceled

San Elijo State Beach – Reservations canceled

San Onofre State Beach - Reservations canceled at the San Mateo Campground, only

San Pasqual Battelfield State Historic Park

Silver Strand State Beach – Reservations canceled

South Carlsbad State Beach - Reservations canceled

Torrey Pines State Reserve